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Modernization of U. S. Postal Service Planned by Hannegan

A stream-lined modernization of the antiquated United States Postal Service is being planned by Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan.

If his plans materialize—and he has a record of achievement in this regard—they will provide (1) greater convenience for all those who use the mails; (2) better service all along the line from the mailing of a letter to its delivery; (3) speedier service; and (4) acquainting the public through advertising with the many services offered by their post offices.

As presently constituted our postal department is operating almost the same parsimonious lines established by Benjamin Franklin, the first Postmaster General, according to an article in the February issue of Cosmopolitan magazine.

One of the early results of the proposed stream-lining would increase the salaries of postal employes from the $1,700 minimum to the $3,000 maximum as soon as possible after they have established their efficiency. At present they must serve twenty-six years before they get the maximum.

Efforts will also be made to obtain an appropriation to rent—or erect—buildings and buy equipment for the third and fourth-class post offices which are now rented for as little as $75 a year and are furnished and equipped by the local postmasters.

Everyone who has ever waited in a long line at their post office to buy a three-cent stamp will applaud Postmaster Hannegan's proposal to place stamp-vending machines and mail-o-mats in post offices, hotel lobbies, stores and street corners.

England now has 35,000 vending machines in use. Our Post Office Department doesn't own a single stamp vending machine.

But his pet single segment of the over-all plan is the establishment of a fast three-cent mail service which will utilize planes or trains to get letters to their destinations in the shortest possible time.

"He dreams of those thousands of B-17's, B-29's, C-54's and other great planes squatting on coral strips on Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima and a dozen other Pacific islands," the article states in part. "He's thinking about thousands of unemployed hero pilots—and about the mere 400 planes in operation by the commercial air lines which carry our air mail.

"'Eventually, I hope to bring about the issuance of a low-cost stamp—probably a three-cent stamp—that will transport a letter to a given point by the fastest carrier plane or train,'" Hannegan asserts.

COLORED DOTS

An unusually large crowd attended the funeral services for Mrs. Betty Sue Cousin at Mount Airy Baptist Church last Friday at 1:30 P.M. The pastor, Rev. H. H. Isbell, officiated. He was assisted in the services by Reverends B. K. Carrington, W. E. Ward and R. Q. Lawing. Resolutions and condolences were read from the [illegible] and the Carver [illegible]. Mrs. [illegible] was furnished [illegible] each child served as flower girls: Misses Roberta Meggison, Lurkie McCoy, Jamie Christian, and Serina Christian and Misdames Ester Ferguson and Mary Ferguson. The following grandsons served as pallbearers: Joseph Meggison, Marshall Franklin, Harry and Elwood Christian and Lewis and Junior Ferguson.

Impressive funeral services were conducted at the home last Tuesday for the late Richard Trent [illegible] and blacksmith of the [illegible] community, who [illegible] in a kind year. Deacon Trent had been a faithful member and officer of Mount Zion Church for over 60 years. He was Sunday School superintendent for forty years and served as the church [illegible] years. He was also [illegible] board of the Rockfish Baptist Association.

The general public is invited to attend regular preaching services at the Galilee Church Sunday at the 11:30 service. Rev. R. Q. Lawing will be the guest speaker.

The officers and teachers of the P.-T.A. of the Carver High school [illegible] attend an important meeting on this Monday at 8 P. M. Patrons interested in community betterment are asked to be present.

Misses Elnoar White and Marie Hanley and Professor R. Lewis spent the week-end in Richmond, Va.

Miss H. B. Stevens has been disposed for a few days.

Miss Sarah Burrow spent the week-end in Philadelphia.

All members of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church are asked to attend the regular preaching service this Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Jordan, will deliver a special message.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marshall, of Baltimore spent a few days as guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marshall.

COLORED DOTS

There will be service held at the Canaan Baptist Church Sunday night, February 17, at 7:30 P. M., for the benefit of the church choir, under the direction of Miss Josephine Christmas. Rev. R. Q. Lawing will be the guest speaker.

Murder Gangs Problem in Reich; Police Take Hold

LUEBECK, GERMANY. — German police in this area created an emergency organization recently to deal with murder gangs which systematically have been plundering [illegible] and killing residents.

The auxiliaries selected 20 Germans from each village in the Luebeck area and formed them into [illegible] groups. Their patrols in the Luebeck suburbs in one week committed 22 robberies with violence and 46 other robberies. One local gang of robbers was reported led by a masked man wearing a Polish uniform. The German and British police expressed fear that the crime wave would increase as winter nights lengthened and hunger increased. The menace to Luebeck is heightened because 29 displaced persons camps containing 37,000 inmates surround the Baltic port.

An old woman described a typical robbery in which she was killed in her tiny suburban restaurant. The bandits were led by a masked man and they ransacked the cupboards and took even the clothing of women and children who were present. One boy, one, the robbers shot her husband and five neighbors. The woman saved herself by hiding beneath a sofa.

Plane Beats 500-Mile Propeller Craft Rate

DAYTON, OHIO. — A propeller-driven airplane has attained a speed of more than 500 miles an hour in level flight, the fastest any conventionally driven plane has ever flown, the air technical service command reported recently.

The ATSC headquarters at Wright field said the record flight was made August 4, 1944, by a plane of the Republic Aviation corporation known as XP-47J.

Michael Ritchie, Republic test pilot, hurtled the "J" over a test course at Farmingdale, L. I., before army observers who clocked its speed at "over 500 miles per hour," the ATSC said.

THE business of housing, feeding, clothing and providing for all the other needs of 140,000,000 Americans is probably the most complicated on earth. Yet this nation's business is a smoothbrunning machine that distributes and sells billions of articles each year in an uninterrupted flow from manufacturer to consumer.

This community's pulpwood helps to keep the machine well-oiled, for paper is important in this complicated set-up of business. For example, the ordinary tag *and* label has an important role.

It has been said that "the label keeps the label out of business."

Merchandise moves from city to city, continent to continent, from factory to distant parts of the globe, and always going along as sentinel and guardian is the tag or label.

Without labelling, distribution would break down so completely that confusion would result, and the only goods that would be delivered would be those articles that were personally called for. Stores would vanish. Factories would decline. Farmers would be hard put to market their produce.

Yet labels for shipping make up only a small part of their usefulness.

Labels permit a manufacturer to put his own guarantee behind a product's genuineness.

Labels fight unfair price competition by showing a buyer what he is getting.

Labels are teachers, instructing buyers in the proper use of unfamiliar items.

Actually the duties of the lowly label in modern living are endless. Labels are used as "trademarks" for everything from cereals to tractors.

They have become so important as a guide to buying that the expression, "look for the label," has become a by-word. Canned goods are selected according to their labels; clothing is purchased and judged in terms of the manufacturer's tag attached; housewives of the nation are so "label conscious" that they shop principally where they can purchase the products of a particular manufacturer.

Just as products are packaged in paper and paperboard, newspaper advertises them and stationery keeps the record, the label is the policeman of modern business. Billions of them patrol the highways and byways of modern business, safeguarding its products and the buyers of these products. And these are but a few of the ways in which the trees from the country serves the nation.

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Rev. W. A. Irving and family [illegible] day in the home of Mrs. J. E. Chick at Spou [illegible]

Mrs. Parks Jennings spent the week-end in Richmond with her mother, Mrs. D. A. Christian, Sr.

Mrs. Christian is sick at her home there.

Mrs. Anna Lee spent part of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Miss Lee Carter, who is a Junior at S. T. C., Farmville, made the Dean's list last quarter. She and her father, Thornhill Carter, of Washington expect to spend this week-end at her home here.

J. H. Beard visited his wife in the home of their daughter, Mrs Lewis Martin, last week. She is [illegible], after being [illegible] the Virginia Hospital for eight weeks.

Mrs. Carsie Brown, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home here.

Harmon Jennings, and son, Carl are both sick with flu.

Royall Harding, Jr., of Norfolk and Royal Harding, Sr., of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mrs. J. Harding and family. Mrs. Harding, who has been sick, is [illegible] at this time.

Mrs. C. L. Carson and Mrs. [illegible] were business visitors in Appomattox last week.

Wash Furniture

A cure-all for that smeary, dull look on furniture may be simply a soap-and-water wash, some fresh [illegible] and a good deal of [illegible] grease." Almost all finishes on wood may be washed safely, except shellac and cheap varnish which water turns white. In washing furniture, care must be taken to use very mild soap and not to get the furniture soaking wet or allow moisture to reach glued joints. Wring a soft cloth or chamois out of warm suds. Rub the surface until it's clean and wipe it quickly with a dry cloth. Don't allow water to stand on the surface. If you are washing varnished or oil-finished furniture, polish it with a good furniture polish. Painted or enameled furniture may be washed in the same way, but it does not need polishing.

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Joe Marsh

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Heating by Atoms

Harnessing to Power Urged By Scientists.

NEW YORK—The harnessing of atomic energy to replace present sources of power was predicted for the near future by leading scientists, engineers and social scientists who combined their description of a new era with a strong plea for the establishment of an international authority to control society in such an advanced world, says the New York Times.

The economic and political aspects of world-wide use of atomic energy were discussed at a conference sponsored by the Nation Associates here.

The most concrete description of things to come was offered by Boris Pregel, president of the Canadian Radium Uranium corporation, who worked with Canadian scientists and engineers on the development of the atomic bomb. Mr. Pregel, asserting that the atomic "revolution" was now under way, held that the "applications of atomic energy to civilian life are possible, imminent and even unavoidable."

Pointing to a recent statement by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, a leading authority on atomic energy, saying it was not feasible for a city the size of Seattle to be completely heated from an atomic energy source within five years, Mr. Pregel declared the first important application of atomic energy would be the production of a cheap power by large plants not dependent on any natural resource.

"These powerful units," he said, "will be able to distribute this cheap power, costing practically nothing, to large areas. We think it easy to understand what such a phenomenon will mean for these areas. Power is the basis of the cost of everything. Cheap power in unlimited quantity means abundance of cheap products and, in connection with it, the reduction of working hours."

Mr. Pregel declared that nearly every phase of life today would be affected, with new products and a new standard of living resulting.

Famed Spot for Yanks in Paris Is Victim of War

PARIS. — Montparnasse, home of all that was revolutionary and exciting in art, has been written off by the French press as "dead," a victim of the war.

Famous cafes like le Dome and la Rotonde, where American tourists used to congregate and stare at the picturesque Bohemian artists, are deserted now.

"Montparnasse is only a shadow of its former self," the newspaper La Voix de Paris declared. "The war gave it the coup de grace — the gestapo searching among cafes where Lenin and Trotsky dreamed in their youth, which the Hitlerites regarded as bastions of independent art."

Artists are quitting the quarter in droves, the paper reflected sadly, recalling that Montparnasse's decline began around 1930 when night clubs and smart restaurants started their invasion.

Those artists who have not moved clear out to the country congregate now at a little cafe called des Quatre-Sergents, on the corner of Boulevard Raspail and Edgar-Quinet, or in a little bar on Rue Jacob.

The newspaper speculated that the Rue de Seine, along the river between the Latin quarter and Montparnasse, would become the new Bohemia and refuge for the world's artists.

'Tis a Shame That Gaels Prefer to Speak English

DUBLIN. — The Gaelic League heard with sadness that the Irish prefer to speak English.

Gaelic—the Emerald Isle's original tongue—is spoken less and less despite the government's encouragement of its use for 25 years, President Peter McGinley reported.

The population in Gaelic-speaking sections is thinning out, McGinley said, and elsewhere Irishmen are too lazy or too fearful of public opinion to learn the language.

Nazi War Criminals Will Serve Full Terms

WIESBADEN, GERMANY. — All Germans convicted by American army tribunals will be forced to serve their full sentences even if the American occupation of Germany ends before the terms are served, an army spokesman said.

Arrangements will be made so that these Germans will not be subject to release in event the occupation ends. The spokesman said there was a [illegible] ers would be transferred to the United States.

New Whaler Has Radar To Guard Against Bergs

LONDON — The Southern Venturer, a new [illegible] ton radar-equipped whaler [illegible] recently and will [illegible] Antarctic, where its operations expect to process 1,[illegible] whales by next spring. The Venturer will be a supply depot [illegible] for fleets of whalers. Her radar gear will be used to detect icebergs and as a navigational aid.

USO ANNOUNCES 1946 CAMPAIGN

Army, Navy Heads Praise USO Work, Urge Continuance

REPORT REVIEWS 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Official announcement that USO will conduct its own fund raising campaign next September and October with a goal to cover minimum service requirements through 1947 was made by President Lindsley F. Kimball at a USO Fifth Anniversary luncheon held in New York, February 4th. Similar announcements were made at anniversary luncheons in other cities.

USO came into being on February 4, 1941, when six member agencies united their funds to create one organization to care for the needs of the men and women of the armed forces. So far the American public has contributed 200 million dollars.

At the New York luncheon the speakers were Lieutenant General James A. Lawton Collins, Director of Information of the War Department, and Vice-Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Navy Personnel, who described what USO had done in its five years of operation and what it still must do for the service men here and abroad.

Gen. Eisenhower's Message

Gen. Dwight W. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, sent this message:

"May I earnestly count on your organization and your host of volunteers to stay with us through the dangerous and difficult period of transition to final peace?

"We still have a pressing need for the services of USO and will be deeply grateful for your continued help in the future as in the past."

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, also sent a message of congratulation.

Need for Fund Outlined

The cost of raising a terminal fund in the fall of 1946 is due to the fact that the National War Fund will [illegible]ance USO only through 1946. The USO operating [illegible] of 1946 call for the operation of some 350-400 USO clubs in the United States, largely operated in connection with mobilized or convalescent veterans. Operation of these clubs requires the [illegible] men on leave, and families of service men and women. Overseas clubs will carry on in Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Philippines, etc. Camp Shows will still be seen and heard in 1947 by men in hospitals and men overseas.

Coincident with the announcement of the USO fall campaign, President Kimball made public his annual report which, he says, [illegible] USO finds that at the peak of activity it was serving 1,000,000 people a day in one capacity or another, running up to more than 1,100,000 during total served since the organization was created.

2,035 Units at Peak

"The number of operations, such as clubs, lounges and similar activities, reached a high point back in [illegible], at a total of 2,035. As training camps closed and the men went overseas this number declined, but the over-all volume of work increased.

"The five-year peak of activity and cost came after peace in Europe and before the surrender of Japan. Redeployment of troops reopened many rooms, doubled or vastly increased loads of various seaport cities. Expenditures climbed to $5,800,000 a month.

"Even today five months after V-J Day—USO must still operate on a basis of $4,000,000 a month. Over-all operations, aside from USO-Camp Shows are carried on through nearly 2,000 units."

New Post-War Problems

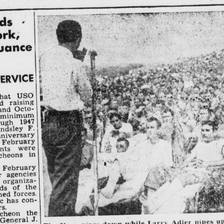
Referring to the future of USO, Mr. Kimball says in his report: "The successful conclusion of the war does not cancel, and will not return the United States to its pre-war status. It is clear even now that our armed forces in the post-war period must be measured in the millions—and thus represent a totally different problem.

"The USO was formed to serve a wartime need. It neither seeks nor claims any specific responsibility, but it does recognize a responsibility it did assume in 1941 will have to be discharged by the end of 1947.

"This concludes with the [illegible] of the Board of Directors:

"USO will complete its wartime, demobilization and reconversion services December 31, 1947.

"In the meantime, the member agencies of USO which will have peacetime recreational abilities in serving the armed forces will appraise those abilities in the light of the needs of the future plans of our country for the [illegible] considerations, and [illegible] attention to the [illegible] operation as to the [illegible] role in what fashion those responsibilities can best be discharged."



The Navy pipes down while Larry Adler pipes up! The harmonica virtuoso, touring with a USO-Camp Shows troupe, at New Caledonia naval hospital.

Highlights of USO Report

As peak, USO was serving 1,000,000 men a day.

During the five years (February 9 1941-February [illegible] 1946) total attendance was [illegible].

At peak [illegible] were 2,035 USO units.

Peak expenditures were $5,800,000 a month.

Peak Overseas Units totalled 176 [illegible] Club attendance [illegible] 1945 was 105,5[illegible].

During the by Francis Scott Key [illegible] of all sorts [illegible] 50,000 [illegible] totalled 1,731,053 [illegible] Aid Units [illegible] Troops-in-Transit attendance [illegible] totalled 70,000,000.

At the height of activities 700 USO shows were on the road overseas; [illegible] was packed [illegible] by more than 4,000 entertainers.

Fewer [illegible] audience for these shows was: 172,856,214.

[illegible] Camp Shows [illegible] memorial peak [illegible] 270,000 at them weekly that month.

[illegible] Camp Shows worked a total of 165,000,000 hours in the 5 years.

[illegible] Camp Shows has given 5,000,000 [illegible] 14 million men and women in armed forces

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In this peacetime year, how better can we gratefully remember his birth than by recalling how much his ideas helped bring us to Victory, for electricity fought on every battlefront — and never too late or too little. We believe he would want no greater reward than that the modern developments which were born of his genius are used for Peace.

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